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Ray W. Moss photograph collection, 1907-1909

**Photographs of Katalla, Alaska and the Copper River and Northwestern Railway
Construction,**

PCA 11

261 photographs : b&w

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Biographical Note

Ray Winthrop Moss worked as a draftsman, surveyor, and photographer for the Katalla Company building the Copper River and Northwestern Railway.

Scope and Contents

The papers (MS 4-1-1) are primarily personal letters written by Mr. Moss to his fiancée, Elsie Krey in Duluth, Minnesota. Elsie, the daughter of John Krey who is chief engineer for the Katalla Company, later joins her parents in Katalla. These letters concern the life of R.W. Moss at Katalla and Cordova, his job and activities. The file includes miscellaneous letters, maps, and meteorological records of Katalla in 1907.

Photographs (PCA 11) include construction of the railroad, Katalla, Cordova, survey teams and other people working for the Katalla Company, view of Indians of the area.

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77. [Scenic - mountains]
78. [Scenic - water and mountains]
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85. [Indian deadhouse]
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98. [Katalla railroad yard including several tent facilities.]
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101. [Cabin near waterfront with several men by canoe.]
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109. [Large newly constructed building near waterfront.]
110. [Winter view of same building from another angle.]
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112. S.S. Saratoga
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114. Katalla residence, M.K. Rodges [log house with four men in front.]
115. [Surveyor and his equipment.]

116. [Katalla Indian girl with shawl around her head sitting on chair with beach behind.]
117. [Close-up of Katalla Indian woman wearing a pinafore with broach.]
118. [Row of homes along beach.]
119. [Buildings and camp with track going up hillside.]
120. [Katalla Indian standing next to a canoe he is carving?]
121. [Elderly Katalla Indian wearing button blanket and asleep in chair near beach?]
122. [Three Katalla Indian girls standing?]
123. [Five Katalla Indian boys?] dark photo
124. [Young Katalla Indian man wearing beaded jacket standing near snow-covered hillside.]
125. [Two men sitting with two dogs and building in background]
126. [group of thirteen men with one in white apron outside a Katalla Company building.]
127. [Stretch of railroad tracks]
128. Cut on Bering River Line, sta. 2G looking S.W., July 19, '07. Showing steam shovel and dump train at work. T.M.G.
129. [Log house with two people in view.]
130. Childs Glacier, 1907. faint photo
131. [Two men and red setter dog near a building.]
132. [Log house with lady at work outside.]
133. [Alaska Pacific Railway docks and launch Elvira.]
134. [Alaska Pacific Railway docks.]
135. [Several white buildings near trees.]
136. [Rocky beach on east side of Whale Island and man climbing near by. July 1907?]
137. [Dog team, man and sled.]
138. [Four men checking sluice box.]
139. [Man standing on log near log buildings.]

- 140. [Man standing in steam near sluice box.]
- 141. [Dogteam and man outside the Occidental Hotel.]
- 142. [Two women visiting outside Occidental Hotel with dog team and loaded sled.]
- 143. [Women in heavy coat sitting on loaded sled outside the Occidental Hotel.]
- 144. Camp 11 BR [log cabin in winter, Bering Railroad]
- 145. Front of McDonald's? mine [Man ice-fishing?]
- 146. [Tent with two Indians and two other men] pencilled caption difficult to read.
- 147. [Tent and brush near ice filled channel/frozen river.]
- 148. [Dog team and three people]
- 149. [Sluice box]
- 150. [Men entering building.]
- 151. [River viewed from high bank.]
- 152. Crossing Place River glacier at Mile 52, A.C. Ry. [four dog teams and 2 men in distance.]
- 153. [Man feeding dogs.]
- 154. [Railroad track and trees behind.]
- 155. Same photo as 146
- 156. [Home of John Krey family with them outside their house.]
- 157. Same photo as no. 1.
- 158. [Interior of home with a man and two women sitting near table with bookshelves behind.]
- 159. [Buildings in the trees.]
- 160. [Scenic looking down on mountains and valley.]
- 161. [Dock construction and equipment?]
- 162. [Dock construction and equipment?]
- 163. [Building with dock construction.]
- 164. [Man standing in field.]

- 165. [Three men with survey equipment and dog.]
- 166. [Two men standing under tall evergreen tree.]
- 167. [Ray Moss leaning on rock near snow covered mountains.]
- 168. [Vases of wild flowers on table]
- 169. [Nine men with survey equipment standing on snow patch with trees behind.]
- 170. [Buildings on either side of a waterway with man and dogs in foreground-]
- 171. [game birds hanging branch.]
- 172. [group of men and one woman standing in doorway of railroad engine no. 2]
- 173. [Tents on flat area.]
- 174. [Olga Krey, age 17, standing near woodpile outside Katalla home.]
- 175. Same photo as 135.
- 176. [Camp viewed in distance with water in front.]
- 177. Alaska violets [arranged on table] photo Kennedy, Katalla.
- 178. [Man standing in pond.]
- 179. [Flowers in vase outside house]
- 180. [Ship Santa Clara at dock.]
- 181. Same photo as 154. Track and trees behind
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- 183. [wheelhouse of ship]
- 184. [Buildings and railroad track in winter.]
- 185. [man doing washing in tub with scrub-board.]
- 186. [six men and survey equipment outside two log houses]
- 187. [Scenic of bay and mountains]
- 188. [Two men and dog outside white tent labeled office]
- 189. [Ship under steam]

190. [Three men and one woman washing dishes outside of the house]
191. [Three men and woman in front of house.]
192. [Woman waving good-bye with her home behind in the trees.]
193. [Seven men on shipboard and Ray Moss is third from the left.]
194. [Eight men standing on snow and Ray Moss is second from right.]
195. [Railroad construction site showing track and equipment]
196. [Katalla Company railroad cars and ship in background]
197. [Five men on ship and Ray Moss is second from the right.]
198. [Buildings covered with snow]
199. [Hillside creek]
200. Winter scene, Valdez, Alaska [street and buildings]
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203. [Katalla Company steam shovel and men.]
204. [Eight men and survey equipment outside building]
205. [Community view in winter.]
206. View from Nassau Mountain looking N.E. July 16, '07. Bering Lake in distance. [Ray Moss in foreground with binoculars.] T.M.G.
207. Unloading. [ship and barges]
208. [Scenic] faint print
209. [Three men standing in low foliage.]
210. Mess house and workmens camp [with totem]
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212. [Front view of tent camp in snow]
213. [Side view of tent camp and snowshoes]
214. [Ice and snow around Disenchantment Bay]

- 215. [Scenic of mostly mountains.]
- 216. [Panorama with valley in front and snow topped mountains in background.]
- 217. [Eskimo woman in parka nursing baby]
- 218. [Hillside graveyard near water?]
- 219. [Man and fur covered animal.]
- 220. Katalla natives [four men with saws and axes]
- 221. Seattle, Wash. [Panorama from waterfront] 1907. F.V. Clancy.
- 222. [Four homes with horseteam and wagon in center of view.]
- 223. Unloading a salmon catch, Seattle [postcard]
- 224. Kenai Lake [two men and dead moose.]
- 225. [Scenic with buildings in the distance.]
- 226. [Panorama of waterfront with several people in river boat in foreground. Also ink drawn bridge design added to the photo]
- 227. [Native hut at Nutchek.]
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- 229. [Ray W. Moss at Katalla.] 1907 or 1908.
- 230. [Scenic with camp in the distance over the waterfront]
- 231. [Office of John Krey, side view blueprint.]
- 232. C.R. & N.W. Ry camps. [Copper River & Northwestern Railway camps]
- 233. [Man standing near laundry tub with scrub board and sign "girl wanted."]
- 234. [Men standing around Katalla Company steam shovel.]
- 235. [Railroad construction camp?] faint photo
- 236. [Katalla Company engine and railroad car flatbed no. 53 tipped over on side.]
- 237. [group of men outside 2 tents]
- 238. [Railroad cars with load during winter. no engine in sight.]

- 239. [Construction activity and railroad engine in front center.] faint photo
- 240. [Construction activity.] faint photo
- 241. [Construction activity, railroad cars, and horse pulling wagon on left.] faint photo
- 242. [steam shovel at work and railroad cars.] faint photo
- 243. steam-shovel cuts in Mile 2, October 1, 1907. [shows several lines of track and railroad cars.]
- 244. [Steam shovel at work and railroad cars.] faint photo
- 245. Commissary at Terminal Camp, 6-30-07. T.O.
- 246. Camera at Sta. 137 looking East into Morrison Cut. Showing effect of coyote shot. 125 kegs power. July 11, '07. T.M.G.
- 247. [Scenic - snow and trees]
- 248. Abercrombie Rapids, April 15, '07. [winter] poor photo
- 249. East side Whale Island. [July, 1907?] Same photo as 136.
- 250. [River and rocky terrain]
- 251. [Surf pounding steep hillside]
- 252. [Paddlewheeler on the river?]
- 253. [People on board the Yucatan] poor photo
- 254. "Martha Taft", "Jeannie", "Santa Clara", June 1, 1907. [Ships in the distance and several men on shore with open boats.]
- 255. Katalla [view from water showing part of dock.]
- 256. [S.S. Bertha in Prince William Sound.]
- 257. Katalla Bay, June 20, 1908. [3 part panorama from shore]
- 258. [Panorama from mountain top dated November 12, 1907 - 3 parts, not identified]
- 259. [Panorama showing Katalla Bay from Katalla to Lake Kahwatla, Camp of K Company and Copper River line on right of view. A separate key to panorama with photo.]
- 260. [Panorama showing two ships in Katalla Bay with K Company camp and Copper River line on right.]
- 261. Copper River and Northwestern Ry, Co. condensed profiles of proposed routes from the confluence of the Chitina and Copper Rivers to Katalla, Cordova and Valdez.